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Fortunate Phipps Prevails at Saugus

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In order to win, you can either be skilled or lucky. Dave Phipps of Simi Valley was both Saturday night before a crowd of 4,081 at Saugus Speedway.

Phipps started in the No. 3 position in the Winston 100 Sportsman division double points race and skillfully maneuvered past Tobin Witt of El Cajon, third in points in the Sunbelt region, on Lap 64.

Then Phipps got lucky when points leader Will Harper of Tarzana, who led from the start of the race, spun out on Turn 3 of Lap 92 while coasting with a quarter-lap lead.

Phipps held on to win his third consecutive Winston 100 race and walk away with the race's $1,200 purse.

"I didn't think I had a chance to catch Harper. He's just too fast for me," said Phipps, who got a standing ovation. "I don't know what happened to him. I just saw his tires smoke and him spin out."

Said Harper: "Craig Rayburn turned his wheel into me and the steering wheel jumped from my hands. . . . I didn't see why there needed to be a yellow flag. I got right back in."

John Kirby of Ventura passed Steve Nickolai of Simi Valley on Lap 21 and held on to win the 25-lap Street Stock division main event by half a car length.

Kirby started the race in the No. 3 spot and moved into the second position on the fourth lap of the crash-ridden race, which had three yellow flags.

The win was the second of the season for Kirby, who entered the night fifth in the points standings.

"I knew I'd only have one shot at him," Kirby said. "So I nudged by him on turn 2 and moved in on him on the next turn."

Nickolai finished second, followed by Rick Crow of Canyon Country, who started in the 13th position, and Greg Brenner of Whittier.

Points leader Craig Rayburn of Simi Valley failed to finish, pulling into the pits on Lap 11.

The race was restarted when Tim Staubs of Littlerock lost a tire before a full lap was completed.

A 25-lap Sportsman division semi-main event was held in order to advance four cars to the night's featured race, the Winston 100, which was in progress at press time.

Dennis Woolridge of Riverside led from the start to win and was followed in order by Ed Hale of El Cajon, Danny Hornaday of Moorpark and Arlyn Olson of Chatsworth.

Dale White Jr. of Simi Valley blew his engine during the trophy dash, but, driving the car normally driven by Leonard McDonald, also of Simi Valley, White won the 15-lap Street Stock semi-main event and advanced to the main event.

White passed Dale Petty of Agoura on turn No. 2 of Lap 10 and held on to win. Petty finished second.

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NASCAR WINSTON 100
Saturday at Saugus Speedway
Sportsman stock cars

Main (100 laps)—1. Dave Phipps, Simi Valley; 2. Tobin Whitt, El Cajon; 3. Keith Spangler, Northridge; 4. Ken Sapper, La Crescenta; 5. John Watkinson III, Canyon Country; 6. Gary Sigman, Carson; 7. Dennis Wooldridge, Riverside; 8. Ed Hale, Lakeside; 9. Craig Rayburn, Simi Valley; 10. Pat Mintey Jr., Quartz Hill; 11. Will Harper, Tarzana; 12. Danny Hornaday, Moorpark; 13. Larry Krieger, Reseda; 14. Mike Ferre, Redlands; 15. Arlyn Olson, Chatsworth.

Semi-main (25 laps)—Wooldridge; Hale; Horaday; Olson.

Heats (8 laps)—Race 1: Frank White, Los Angeles. Race 2: Hale. Race 3: Ted McDonald, Canoga Park. Race 4: Jerry Bosson, Simi Valley.

Trophy dashes (6 laps)—A: Sapper. B: Herb Hill, Simi Valley. Fast time—Harper, 17.05 sec.

Street stocks

Oval main (25 laps)—1. John Kirby, Ventura; 2. Steve Nickolai, Simi Valley; 3. Rick Crow, Canyon Country; 4. Greg Benner, Whittier; 5. Eric Foster, North Hollywood; 6. Rich Winakur, Simi Valley; 7. Jim Marlewski, Simi Valley; 8. Tom Kimmel, Sylmar; 9. Jeff Drake, Fillmore; 10. Dale White Jr., Simi Valley.

Figure-8 main (15 laps)—1. Bryan Hayden, Canyon Country; 2. Kirby; 3. Russ Beckers, Sepulveda; 4. Marlewski; 5. Nickolai; 6. Foster; 7. Winakur; 8. White; 9. Larry Durm, Northridge; 10. Kenny Wilson, Lancaster.

Oval semi-main (15 laps)—White; Dale Petty, Agoura; Tony Watson, Los Angeles; John Schuetze, Simi Valley.

Oval heats (8 laps)—Race 1: Crow. Race 2: Beckers. Race 3: Hayden. Figure-8 heat (8 laps)—Beckers.

Trophy dashes (4 laps)—Oval: Rayburn. Figure-8: Rayburn. Fast time—Crow, 18.69 sec.

Attendance—4,081.

USAC MIDGETS & T/Q'S
Saturday's results — at Ventura Raceway

Midget Main (30 laps)—Mario Bringetto, Fresno; Rick Taylor, Ventura; Robbie Flock, Industry; Terry Farrar, Ventura; Sleepy Tripp, Costa Mesa.

T/Q Midget Main (20 laps)—Gary Howard, Anaheim Hills; George Ito, Ventura; Rick Hendrix, Canoga Park; Kara Hendrick, Chino; Scott Hansena, Simi Valley.

NASCAR STOCKS
At Ascot Raceway

Pro Main (30 laps)—Earl Cox, Carson; Marcus Mallett, Gardena; Ron Meyer, Anaheim; Fred Estrada, Riverside; Chris Laney; Redondo Beach.

Bomber Oval (20 laps)—Rob Guerin, Lomita; Charlie Morse, Long Beach; Roy Altuchow, Torrance; Chris Forbes, Sun Valley; Norm Holcomb, Lakewood.

Figure 8 (15 laps)—Mike Kirby, Long Beach; Zeke BeRose, Sun Valley, Alan Gottfried, Long Beach. Atten. 2664.

Phipps captures Winston 100

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With a 13-point lead heading into the sportsman Winston "100," Tarzana's Will Harper had everything to gain in the double points race if he won.

Harper, leading from the pole position through the first 75 laps, appeared in control in front of 4,081 at Saugus Speedway. But in lap 92 he spun out, and was moved to the back of the pack.

Dave Phipps, fourth in the points race, took the lead and went on to win the race and the $1,200 first prize. Canyon Country's Bill Spears finished second.

Harper turned in the evening's fast lap time in qualifying (17.05 seconds).

In the street stock 25-lap main event, Ventura's, John Kirby waited until lap 21 to take the lead on the inside of Simi Valley's Steve Nickolai. Kirby dominated the final laps to win the race but only after wading through several caution flags on lap 24.

Nickolai finished second and Rick Crow of Canyon Country finished third after starting the race in the sixth row.

Dale White Jr. of Simi Valley gave what amounted to a driving clinic while winning the street stock oval semi-main event.

White, driving fellow Simi Valley racer Dusty McDonald's car, entered the track half a lap behind the other nine cars as the green starting flag was dropped. White proceded to pass the field one by one and pulled into the lead with four laps remaining in the 15-lap race, then held on for the win.

White, second in street stock point standings going into Saturday, blew the engine in his own car during a trophy dash race earlier in the evening.

White did relatively well in the 25-lap oval main event, finishing 10th after starting on the outside of row 10.